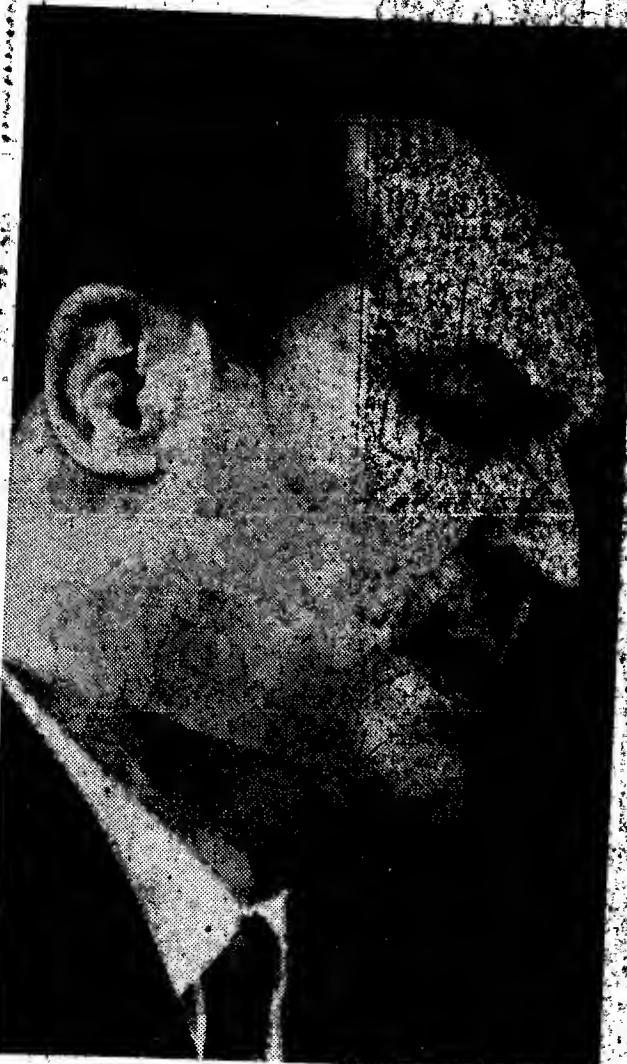


Panther Book Shows Dead Police



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San Francisco Police Inspector Ben Lashkoff tells a Senate subcommittee about Panther coloring book

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The drawings are for black children and the police are depicted as either-toothed pigs.

The booklet is called "The Black Panther Coloring Book" and is an account of the 1968 and subsequent 1969 San Francisco area as seen by the Panthers. The book is the brainchild of the Panthers' "hot line" leaders, a San Francisco-based group of revolutionaries.

Sen. Carl Yung, R-S.D., said the most vicious drawings can be found in the book. "It appears that young authority and school officials would countenance it."

A copy of the booklet was found in a church where some copies were distributed. Accused police later in the day, however, of circulating far more of the coloring book than the Panthers did. And a Panther spokesman accused a renegade member of printing them up without permission.

"It was not geared to one party line because it was fascistic and nationalistic," Black Panther "chief of staff" David Hilliard told The Washington Post. He blamed the booklet on Larry C. Powell, who strongly criticized the Panthers in his testimony last week.

Intelligence Squad

The Rev. Eugene J. Boyle of San Francisco's Sacred Heart Church, told United Press International: "It's obvious that the San Francisco police intel-

ligence squad does not understand the black man if they are making such a big thing out of this."

Copies of the 23-page coloring book were turned over to the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee by San Francisco Police Inspector Ben Lashkoff.

One drawing captioned "The Only Good Pig is a Dead Pig" showed a black youth stabbing a police officer in the back. Another showed a gun-wielding child holding one officer at the waist with a second "pig" lying at his feet.

The book concludes with a stylized "pig" running with fear and beneath it a line from Red China's Mao Tse-tung: "Power Comes Through the Barrel of a Gun."

Booklets with Breakfast

Lashkoff said the coloring books were being distributed along with free breakfasts in at least three locations: the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, South Ridge Methodist Church, and the Jedediah Smith Elementary School. At the school he told subcommittee: "youngsters were led out by Black Panther members after breakfast for 'close-order drill' around the school grounds."

The police inspector said there were no local or state laws that would prohibit distribution of the coloring books. Nor, he said, was it against the law to hold par-